AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Examiner Application No. Filing Date D. P. Erezo September 27, 2001 09/963,676 plicant(s): Yem Chin et al. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING AND CONTROLLING BLADE DEP TH OF Invention: A TISSUE CUTTING APPARATUS IN AN ENDOSCOPIC CATHETER TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Highest Claims Number Number Remaining After Previously **Extra Claims** Present Rate Amendment Paid **Total Claims** 17 34 Х Independent 9 = 5 Х **Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: **Small Entity** x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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DEPTH OF A TISSUE CUTTING APPARATUS IN AN ENDOSCOPIC

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office action reported as being made final that was mailed on February 6, 2006.

Pending in this application are claims 27-29, 31, 32 and 35-39. Claims 1-9, 12-20, 24, 30 and 33 remain canceled without prejudice, and claims 10, 11, 21-23 25, 26 and 34 remain withdrawn. The listing for all of these claims is set out in the Response to Non-Final Office Action, filed November 21, 2005 for this application.

This is a first reply to the action, and this reply is filed within two months from the mailing date of the final action. As such, issuance of an Advisory Action is in order.